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In re the Application of

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For: SPREAD ILLUMINATING APPARATUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to initial examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claim 5 as follows:

5. (Amended) The spread illuminating apparatus as claimed in claim 1, wherein said light guiding member is provided with a means for increasing reflection which improves light reflectance.

Please add new claims 6 and 7 as follows:

-- 6. The spread illuminating apparatus as claimed in claim 2, wherein said light guiding member is provided with a means for increasing reflection which improves light reflectance.--

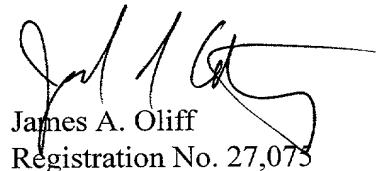
-- 7. The spread illuminating apparatus as claimed in claim 3, wherein said light guiding member is provided with a means for increasing reflection which improves light reflectance.--

REMARKS

Claims 1-7 are pending. Claim 5 has been amended herein to eliminate multiple dependencies.

The attached Appendix includes marked up copies of each rewritten claim (37 C.F.R. 1.121(c)(ii)).

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APPENDIX

Changes to Claims:

The following is a marked-up version of the amended claim:

Claims 6 and 7 are added.

5. The spread illuminating apparatus as claimed in ~~any one of claims 1 to 3,~~ wherein said light guiding member is provided with a means for increasing reflection which improves light reflectance.